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**Via Regular Mail**

Carmen A. Villar Prados  
Executive Director  
Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority  
P. O. Box 42007  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-2007

**Re: Closure Notification  
Road PR-9 Construction Project (AC-000911), Ponce, Puerto Rico  
Administrative Compliance Order CWA-02-2014-3108**

Dear Ms. Villar Prados:

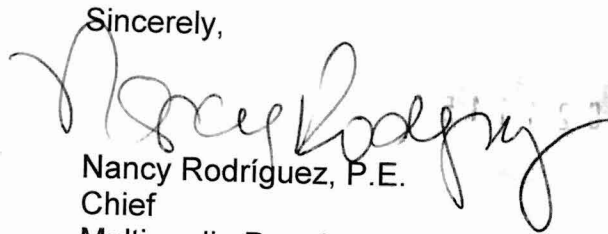
Reference is made to the Administrative Compliance Order, Docket Number CWA-02-2014-3108 ("ACO"), issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("PRHTA"), on June 27, 2014. The ACO required PRHTA, among other things, to submit and implement a Compliance Plan to bring the referenced construction project into compliance with the 2012 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Storm Water General Permit for Construction Activities ("CGP").

By letter dated February 9, 2015, PRHTA submitted a final Progress Report and requested the closure of the ACO. Based upon PRHTA's implementation of the Compliance Plan, the EPA September 24, 2014 and January 15, 2015 construction project visits, the information provided in the February 9, 2015 letter and the February 10, 2015 face-to-face meeting between representatives from PRHTA, Ferrovial Agroman, S.A. ("FASA"), United States Federal Highway Administration and EPA, please be notified that EPA closed-out the ACO.

Notwithstanding the closure of the ACO, this notification does not relieve PRHTA and FASA from the obligation to comply with the CGP and the Clean Water Act ("CWA"). Further, issuance of this notification shall not be deemed an election by EPA to forego any administrative or judicial action for penalties, fines, or other appropriate relief under Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. José A. Rivera of this Branch at (787) 977-5842, or at [rivera.jose@epa.gov](mailto:rivera.jose@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Rodríguez", is written over the typed name.

Nancy Rodríguez, P.E.

Chief

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Branch

cc: Oscar Santiago, FASA (via electronic mail)  
Grissette Felix, PRHTA (via electronic mail)  
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